

REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims

Claim 1 and 2 are pending in the application and are provisionally rejected for alleged obviousness-type double-patenting and under 35 U.S.C. §103. The specific grounds for rejection are set forth in detail below.

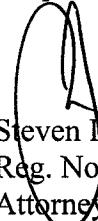
II. Obviousness-Type Double-Patenting

Claims 1 and 2 are provisionally rejected under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double-patenting over USSN 10/526,430. The '430 application has been expressly abandoned. Therefore, it is believed that the rejection is overcome.

III. Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, applicants respectfully submit that all claims are in condition for allowance, and an early notification to that effect is earnestly solicited. The examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (512) 536-3184 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

Respectfully submitted,


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